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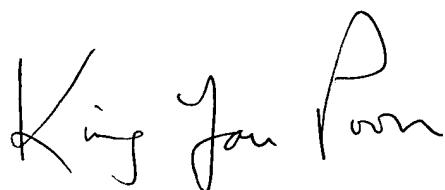
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1. The reply brief filed 12/18/2003 has been entered and considered but no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is (703) 305-0892 or to Supervisor Mr. David Moore whose phone number is (703) 308-7452.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "King Y. Poon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "King" and "Y." on the left and "Poon" on the right.